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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **UPDATE:** The City of Easthampton & Northampton Combine Efforts to Offer Regional COVID-19 Testing Site at Millside Park

Easthampton, MA - The City of Easthampton and Northampton Health Departments have teamed up together to offer a regional drive-through testing location at Millside Park, located at 2 Ferry St. in Easthampton. Previously, the City of Easthampton planned to host a testing site three days per week, while Northampton planned to host a testing site two days per week, ultimately offering testing five days a week between the two cities. After much consideration, the city's two health directors, Bri Eichstaedt and Merridith O'Leary, determined it made more logistical sense and conserves our limited resources to offer testing five days a week at one central location instead of two. Bri Eichstaedt and Merridith O'Leary both state: "Standing up a consistent testing site for both symptomatic testing and surveillance testing is critical right now. Northampton and Easthampton have partnered on many initiatives, so relationships and confidence amongst the Health Departments already exist. This regionalization effort will give continuity to the public by having one known location with a set schedule."

The regional drive-through testing site will open on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. The new site will be drive-through and **by appointment only.** The schedule is as follows:

Monday - 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM (beginning January 10, 2022) Tuesday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (beginning January 4, 2022) Wednesday - No testing Thursday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Friday - 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday - 10 AM to 2:00 PM

For those who had made an appointment at the City of Northampton's Round House Plaza site, appointments will be rescheduled to the Millside Park location. Those with appointment changes will be notified by Curative directly.

The site may be closed due to inclement weather including snow, ice, and/or dangerously low temperatures. Those with appointments will be notified of the closure directly from Curative. Pre-registration is required. To sign up for the Millside Park location, please visit: <a href="https://book.curative.com/sites/34189">https://book.curative.com/sites/34189</a>.

Curative also offers multiple testing sites in area. To search all available Curative sites, please visit: <a href="www.curative.com">www.curative.com</a>. To search additional locations in Massachusetts, please visit: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test</a>.

## **Important notes:**

- Appointments required
- Open to the public, no minimum age
- Free testing for all, including uninsured. If you have insurance, this site may bill your insurance for the test, at no cost to you
- Type of test: PCR
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